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SUBJECT CSCE BASKET II: EC VIEWS ON SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL

1. SWARTZ MET MARCH 17 WITH DANISH BASKET II EXPERT (CHRISTIAN FABER-ROD), WHO REPORTED THAT MARCH 15 LONDON MEETING OF EC WORKING GROUP ON CSCE FAILED TO RESOLVE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING TACTICAL QUESTIONS ON BREZHNEV CONGRESSES PROPOSAL, WHICH, HE SPECULATED, MAY PREVENT EC COUNTRIES FROM PARTICIPATING FULLY IN DISCUSSION OF ISSUE AT MARCH 21 ECONADS MEETING. UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS INCLUDE:

-- WHETHER EC SHOULD SEND FORMAL LETTER TO STANOVNIK ON SOVIET PROPOSAL. DENMARK IS ONLY COUNTRY OPPOSING THIS APPROACH.

-- WHETHER TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY AT ECE 32ND SESSION TO TWO OF THE SIX AREAS SUGGESTED BY STANOVNIK (IN DOCUMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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E/ECE/911) FOR ECE MINISTERIALS, NAMELY ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION. NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE REPORTEDLY FEEL THAT A POSITIVE SIGNAL ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD ALONE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. OTHERS THINK A TOPIC OUTSIDE THE THREE PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

-- WHETHER TO SPECIFY TOPICS AT ALL IN ANY POSITIVE EC RESPONSE TO THE STANOVNIK REPORT. FRG ALONE AMONG THE NINE WOULD PREFER A MORE GENERAL RESPONSE, WHETHER IN THE PROPOSED LETTER TO STANOVNIK OR AT THE ECE MEETING

ITSELF, WHICH WOULD AVOID FOR TIME BEING COMMITTING THE NINE TO ANY SPECIFIC ECE MINISTERIALS.

2. FABER-ROD FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE NINE BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL BEGIN INTENSIVE BILATERAL LOBBYING EFFORT FOR THEIR CONGRESSES PROPOSAL AMONG EC (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER WESTERN) GENEVA MISSIONS BEGINNING IN EARLY APRIL. BASIS FOR THE PRESUMPTION IS APPARENTLY STATEMENT IN SOVIET LETTER OF DECEMBER 29, 1976, TO STANOVNIK THAT CALLS, INTER ALIA, FOR WORK TOWARDS "PREPARING THE GROUND FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION" AT ECE 32ND SESSION. ON OTHER HAND, FABER-ROD NOTED, THE NINE BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL WISH BELGRADE SESSION TO BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF BASKET III DIFFICULTIES AND THUS WILL NOT PUSH CONGRESSES INITIATIVE THERE UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO BY TOTALLY NEGATIVE WESTERN STANCE AT ECE MEETING. FOR THAT REASON, NINE REPORTEDLY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT RESOLUTION OF ISSUE AT ECE MEETING IN MANNER NOT HARMFUL TO WESTERN INTERESTS (I.E. BY PURSUING A MODIFIED STANOVNIK APPROACH) IS BOTH DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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